(c) what was the response of the G-8 countries thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b)The Hon'ble Prime Minister made this statement at the G-8 Enlarged Dialogue in Evian on June 1, 2003, and not during his visit to St. Petersburg. Prime Minister expressed disappointment at the lack of progress so far on the Millennium Development Round since the Doha Meeting. Prime Minister underlined the need to rapidly eliminate tariff and non-tariff barriers to developing country exports and to phase out all trade distorting agricultural subsidies, while ensuring the livelihood security of billions of farmers in developing countries.

(c) The issues raised by the Hon'ble Prime Minister were also reflected in the statements of some of the other developing country participants in the Enlarged Dialogue. While there was no formal comment by the G-8 on the issues raised in the dialogue, some of the concerns were reflected in the G-8 Declaration adopted on 3rd June, 2003. In particular, the Declaration reiterated the importance of improved market access for all World Trade Organisation (WTO) Members in all trade areas, including in agricultural and non-agricultural goods, in order to benefit economic growth, in particular, in the developing countries. The Declaration directs G-8 Members to work with WTO Members towards developing, *inter-alia,* fairer and less distorted conditions for world trade.

Improvement of infrastructure in Rajasthan

727. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds, as proposed by the State Government of Rajasthan and the amount allocated for improvement of the infrastructure in industrial areas of the State for the year 2003-04 as compared to 2002-03;

(b) the amount of funds released to the State till date;

(c) the details of the progress made in various projects to improve infrastructure in industrial areas of the State; and

(d) the details of the steps Government are willing to take to monitor improvement of these industrial areas in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and. (b) An amount of Rs. 850.00 lakh has been released as central assistance for the Growth Centres for the State of Rajasthan during the year 2002-03. However, no funds have been released during 2003-04 as the continuation of the scheme is being reviewed by the Planning Commission under 'Zero Based Budgeting'. Under the Growth Centre Scheme five Growth Centres have been allocated to the State of Rajasthan. The status of release of funds till date is given below:

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of Growth Centre/District	Approved Project cost	Amount of Central Release	Amount Released by States & its Agencies	Total expen-diture
1.	Abu-Road (sirohi)	3000.00	1000.00	2153.11	3153.11
2.	Bhiiwara	3407.00	300.00	311.80	611.80
3.	Khara (Bikaner)	2750.00	620.00	489.93	1109.93
4.	Dholpur (Dholpur)	3000.00	1000.00	206.94	1206.9
5.	Jhalawar (Jhalawar)	3000.00	300.00	176.85	476.85

Further, under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities Scheme (ASIDE), the State of Rajasthan has been allocated Rs. 12.00 Crores for the financial-year 2003-04. An amount of Rs. 22.23 Crore has been released upto 2002-03 to Rajasthan under Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme (CIBS)/ASIDE Scheme.

(c) and (d) All the five Growth Centres have become functional. Capital investment of Rs. 43.48 Crore has already been made in these projects. Monitoring of these projects is made on quarterly basis.